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Identical letters dated 8 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that, at 1130 hours on 17 April 2014, a 10-man Israeli enemy patrol crossed the line of withdrawal in the Bastra area at a point having the coordinates Q:748887–N686052. After proceeding some 12 metres past the line, the patrol abducted the civilians Hasan, Isma'il and Wurud Zahrah, Nuhad Awwad and Wafa' Musa and seized their herd of cattle. At 1200 hours, the patrol released Wurud, Nuhad and Wafa' and the herd, but not Hasan and Isma'il. The latter two were released at 2250 hours on 17 April 2014.

I should like to reiterate that my Government honours its commitments under international resolutions. I call upon the Security Council to condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms and compel Israel to bring an end to its violations of Lebanese sovereignty by air, sea and land, and fulfil all of its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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